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THE
Neapolitan Doctor,
OR
Every Person Afflicted with
THE
Venereal Disease, Gleets &c.
Their own Physician.

Wherein every Symptom of the above Disorder is so clearly stated, and the whole method of Cure so plainly pointed out, that any Person, even of the Meanest Capacity might know every stage of it, and cure it in the most effectual and speedy manner.

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P R E F A C E.

THIS small Treatise is intended as a Complete Venereal Vade Mecum, or every Person (afflicted with the Venereal Disease, Gleets &c.) their own Physicians; and though there are several Treatises of this kind emitted into the World, yet I flatter myself, the afflicted will Reap more real Benefit from the following (however incoherently thrown together) than from any preceeding Treatise of the kind Whatever. For it not only points out in the most plain Manner the Signs and Symptoms of the Disorder in all its Stages (whereby any Person afflicted may come to the knowledge of their own Situation) but likewise gives the Patient Prescriptions for preparing their own Medicines for the Cure, and though they are easy of preparation, and adapted to the under-

standing of the meanest Capacity; yet, will be found equal (if not Superior) in Virtue to some of the most Public Medicines advertized for the Cure of these Disorders in the Kingdom. And should have been kept a secret if I had a greater regard to my private Advantage than to the good of the Afflicted, for by these Remedies I have Cured numbers of the Venereal Disease &c. and can assure the Afflicted, I never knew them fail, where the Patient took them Regular, and followed the Directions given there with.

This Treatise will likewise be found to be of the greatest Service in the Navy and Army, where these Disorders are so prevalent; and if properly made use of, will be a means of preventing the Military Hospitals (both at home and abroad) from being Crowded with such numbers of Miserable Objects afflicted with the above Disorders.

For if the following Remedies recommended

in this Treatise are made use of on the first appearance of the Disorder, the Complaint will be carried off in a short Time, without any farther Trouble or Inconvenience to the Patient, and so prevent those dismal Symptoms which always attend a Confirm'd Pox.

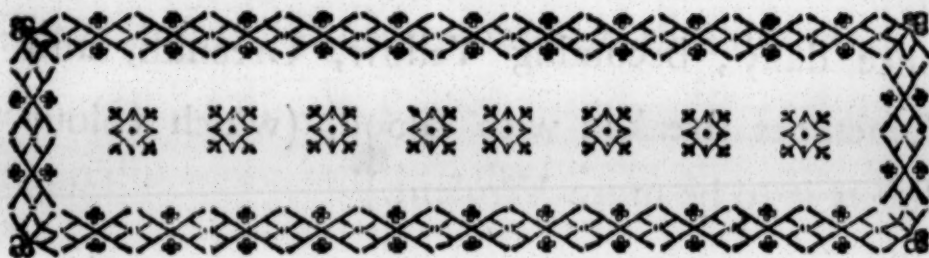
But this Treatise will be found to be of the greatest Benefit to those who (after having Contracted the Malady) either through Shame, or for want of Money, let their Disorder run on them till they have become Incurable, and then the unhappy Person (though perhaps in the Prime of Years) is rendered loathsome to the World, and miserable to himself, till his Passport is signed for the other World, and he is buried out of Sight, and perhaps without the least pity from any Acquaintance Whatever. For this Treatise will answer the ends of both, by pointing out Remedies for the one, whereby they may Cure themselves without making their

Case known to any one; and to the other, by the Remedies being of small Expence.

I must confess it a difficult Matter to lay down one general Rule for the Cure of a Disorder attended with such a variety of different Symptoms, but this difficulty is removed by considering, that, this Disorder always arises from one and the same Cause, as shall hereafter be declared.

Now after all has been said, if any Person afflicted shall receive a Cure from the following Remedies, let them forsake those adulterous Paths (by which these Disorders are generally Contracted) and seriously consider that Text in Scripture, *viz.* That no Whoremonger, nor Adulterer, nor unclean Person shall enter the Kingdom of God.

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CHAP. 1st.

Of a Gonorrhœa or Clap.

THIS is always got by Contract, by a Man's laying with an impure Woman, and generally makes its appearance in a few Days after connection with the infected Person.

The first Symptom observable is usually an agreeable Sensation in the whole, or the greatest part of the Urinary Passage: At this time none, or scarce any discharge is perceived on the Linen; then an uneasiness about the parts of Generation, together with an appearance of a little whitish, or rather water-coloured Matter about the Orifice of the Urethra; but oftener it is whitish, and differs in colour and consist-

ence daily; becoming Yellow, Greenish, and sometimes streaked with Blood, (which colour shews it to be more Virulent.)

There is also an Inflammation and Swelling about the Orifice of the Urethra; in this case there is a degree of Pungency on the evacuation of Urine: The heat of Urine is scarce perceived in voiding it, but immediately after, the Patient feels an extream heat throughout the whole duct of the Urethra, but more especially at its termination in the Glands. A Tension and hardness is perceived through the whole length of the Urethra, and a sensation of stricture in the Penis, particularly during an Erection, at which Time the Penis seems as if pulled downwards by a Cord. This is called a Contraction of the Frænum, or Bridle of the Penis, and vulgarly called a Cordee. The Matter discharged from the Urethra increases in quantity and loses its adhesiveness, appears thinner and is more ill-

coloured. It frequently happens that the Penis becomes Involuntary and frequently erected; especially when warm in Bed. This is called a Priapismus or Cordee. Sometimes an Inflammation in the Prepuce or Foreskin confines it from being drawn back, and thus forms a Phymosis; or being drawn behind the Glans cannot be returned, and is then called a Paraphymosis.—Shankers, Buboës in the Groin, inflamed and swelled Testicles, these are symptoms in a Clap, but sometimes they are symptoms of a Confirmed Pox. When a Gonorrhœa has long continued, it sometimes produces a Stricture or Caruncles in the Urethra, and occasions a difficulty in the evacuation of the Urine, which is often attended with Pain, the Urine flowing out in a small Stream or only by Drops.

Women are not subject to so great a variety of Symptoms as Men; their chief Complaints

are a difficulty of Urine and a Running, attended with Shankers and Warts, both within and without the Labiæ-pudendæ, as also with Tumors in the Groin, called Buboes.

Having described the principle Symptoms of a Gnorrhæa or Clap, or first stage of the Venereal Disease, I shall give you the method of preparing the Medicines I make Use of in the Cure of Venereal Complaints, Gleets &c. and next proceed to the Cure of the forementioned Symptoms, as some of them require External Applications.

*The PRESCRIPTION for Preparing the
M E D I C I N E*

Which I call the Neapolitan Specific Drops.

Take four Ounces of the Alkaline Tincture
of Antimony;

Gum Guaiacum in powder, half an Ounce;

Balsam of Peru, half an Ounce;

Balsam of Capivi, half an Ounce;

Oil of Sassafras, half a Dram;

Mix these together and digest them three or four Days, often shaking them: Let it settle and pour off what is fine. The Dose is 20 or 30 Drops three times a Day, in a Glass of Water. When taken for a Gonorrhæa or Clap, you must take as much Salt-prunella in powder as will lay upon a Six-pence in the first and last Dose; which, if the Disorder is fresh Contracted, will effect a Cure in a short Time; but if the Disorder has been of a long standing, or has returned again after being thought Cured, let the Patient take about three or four Doses of the following Electuary*; and afterwards keep to the Drops 'till the Cure is compleated. You must also observe to take the Drops the Day you do not take the Purge. This I thought good to say here that I might not (in the Cure of the Prevailent Symptoms) repeat the same thing again.

**For a Confirmed Pox.*

Take half an Ounce of Lenitive Eleſuary;

Jallap in powder, one Dram;

Cream of Tartar, half an Ounce;

Salt-prunella in powder, one Dram;

Diaphoretic of Antimony, one Dram;

Prepared Calomel, half a Dram;

Mix theſe Powders well together in a Mortar, then add the Lenitive Eleſuary, and make it into a proper Conſiſtence with a little Solutive Syrup of Roſes, or Buckthorn.

The Doſe is the bigneſs of a large Nutmeg, taken at Night going to Bed, and the like quantity the next Morning. Repeat twice a Week, drinking warm Gruel or ſome other warm Liquor as it operates.

If the above quantity ſhould purge too much, ſo as to fatigue, you muſt leſſen the quantity the next Doſe; but if the firſt mentioned quantity ſhould not give two or three motions, the next

Morning following the Patient must take a Dose of Salts.

If the heat of Urine continues obstinate, notwithstanding the use of the above Medicines, let the Patient take the diuretic cooling Electuary, as mentioned in the next Chapter.

The method of taking the above Medicines for a Confirmed Pox is as follows.

Take twenty or thirty Drops three times a Day; but you must leave out the Salt-prunella, and drink half a pint of the following Decoction after every Dose; and take a Dose of the Purg-
ing Electuary only once a Week.

The DECOCTION.

Take of Sarsaparilla, sliced and washed clean, three Ounces;

Mazerian Root, cut small, a quarter of an Ounce;

Boil these in three Pints of Water to two Pints, and towards the end of the boiling, add two

Ounces of Liquorish Root sliced small; let it stand till cold and strain it off.

During the use of the above Medicines, let the Patient avoid high Seasoned, and salt Provisions, strong Ale or Spirituous Liquors, Greens, or stale Drinks, or any violent Exercise; that is, no more Exercise than our Vocations in Life oblige us to.

Before I come to treat of the Cure of the aforementioned Symptoms, I shall give a few Instances of the speedy effects of these Medicines, in the Cure of Venereal Complaints.

A Young Man having contracted this Disorder, he accordingly had recourse to several Remedies recommended to him; but without the desired Effect. He at length applied to me. I accordingly gave him the Drops, and three Doses of the Electuary, which in a short time effected a Cure.

Another Instance of a Person who had a

long Time been afflicted with this Disorder.

Having had connection with an infected Person, in a few Days after he perceived the Disorder upon him: He took some Remedy recommended to him, which in a few Days put a stop to the Running: He therefore thought himself Cured. But in a short time afterwards, he complained of Pains all over his Body, particularly in his Shins and Shoulder Bones. He happened to relate his Case to a Friend of his, who told him he had got the Pox; and therefore recommended a certain Medicine to him, which he told him would Cure him: He accordingly applied for some of the Medicine and took it according to the Directions, which however had the good fortune to cause a return of the Running; which appeared very Virulent: He continued the Medicine a long Time, but perceived very little abatement of his Disorder. He at last applied to me: I gave him about three

Doses of the Electuary, which with the Drops in about a fortnight compleated a Cure.

Another Instance of the effects of the Drops.

In this Disorder a young Gentleman having contracted the Malady, in a few Days after he perceived the Infection upon him: He related his Case to Me: I accordingly gave him the Drops according to the Directions, which in a short Time put a stop to the Disorder.

The above mentioned Drops are excellent in curing Gleets, and the Flour Albus, a Disorder incident to Women. The method of taking them for these Disorders, is to take them only Night and Morning, twenty or thirty Drops at a Time, in a Glass of Water, or a little Wine and Water, or in a little Tea; but you must leave out the Salt-prunella.

I could give a great number of Instances of the good effects of these Remedies in the Cure of these Disorders; but I shall for the present

leave all further Praise of their Virtues to those who may try their Effects.

I come now to the Cure of the aforementioned Symptoms, and first of the Cure of a Phymosis.

Let the Patient foment the part four or five times a day with this following Fomentation.

Take of Linseed, Camomile Flowers, Marsh Mallows, St. Johns Wort, and Elder Flowers, of each one handful, boil them in three Quarts of Water till it comes to two, then strain it off; and add two Ounces of Spirits of Wine and Camphor when going to be used. Or you may use the following Lotion four or five times a day or oftener.

Take half a pint of Water, drop into it forty or fifty drops of the Extract of Lead, and a Teaspoonful or two of Brandy.

Take a piece of old linen Cloth, moisten it well in the Water (which must always be well

hook first) and fold it three or four times double and apply it round the part, and also inject some of the Water between the Prepuce and Nut of the Penis each time, and if you cannot immediately retract the Prepuce, if there is any Ulcers lodged on the Nut of the Penis or in the hollow behind it, you must dress them with the following Cerate once a day.

Ointment for Ulcers on the Glans Penis.

Take of the best Tumors Cerate one Ounce,
Extract of Lead one Dram;

Mix them well together, and spread a little of this Ointment upon some lint and with a Skewer cut flat, gently slide between the skin upon the Ulcer, and after you can draw the skin back, dress the Ulcers with the same Ointment till well. You must be sure in this case to take the Electuary twice a Week 'till you see the Symptoms are removed, and after you must

take the Drops to compleat the Cure.

The Cure of a Paraphymosis.

This requires the same method of treatment as the Phymosis above: you must also endeavour with your Finger and Thumb to draw the skin down over the Nut, but sometimes it must be opened with a Lancet to let out the Sanies, and be sure you apply the aforementioned Lotion till it is healed.

Cure of a Cordee.

Let the Patient take a Dose of the Electuary twice a Week, and use the Lotion in the same manner as mentioned for a Phymosis, and every Night at Bed-time rub as much as a nut of Mercurial Ointment mixed with a little Camphor all along the duct of the Urethra.

Inflammation and Swelling of the Yard.

This Symptom sometimes happens in this Disorder, and requires the same treatment as mentioned for a Phymosis.

Of Shankers and method of Cure.

Shankers are small eating Ulcers, formed on the skin of the Yard, or on the Glans, or in the hollow behind it; they appear at first like a small red Pimple filled with a transparent fluid, becoming sometimes white; these break and produce small spreading Ulcers, the edges of which are hard, and the bottom is usually covered with a viscid mucus, which looks like melted tallow: when these Ulcers arise on the Glans of the Yard or inside of the Penis soon after Infection, they are local, but when they appear on other parts of the Body, they are Symptoms of a Confirmed Pox. These Shankers must be dressed with the following Ointment once a day.

Ointment for Shankers.

Take of Egyptiacum half an Ounce,
Make it into the consistence of a soft Ointment with Powder of Ceruss; dress them once a Day with a little of this Ointment upon a bit of

lint. But if they are Ulcers or spurious Shankers, dress them with the Cerate as mentioned for the Cure of Ulcers on the Glans Penis.

*Inflammation and Swelling of the Testicles and
Method of Cure.*

This Symptom may happen either in the first or second Stage. In the first Stage it is often caused by the stoppage of the Running. In the second Stage it is generally caused by the Venereal Matter being concealed in the Blood, mixes with the Semen and becomes Inspissated, and will cause an Obstruction and Stagnate in the Spermatic Vessels.

In this case you must be sure to take a dose of the Electuary twice a Week, and apply the Lotion in the same manner as mentioned for a Phymosis. You must also observe to keep the Testicles well trussed up, and to lay much on the Back, if the Patient conveniently can: and after the Inflammation and Swelling are abated, if any

hardness remains (which sometimes happens) let the Patient rub a little Mercurial Ointment mixed with a little Camphor into the Testicles every Night.

Buboes and Method of Cure.

These are Tumors in the Groin, and appear sometimes in one Groin and sometimes in both. These Buboes though they appear in a Gonorrhæa or Clap, yet are sometimes Symptoms of a Confirmed Pox; especially if they arise in any considerable time after a connection with an infected Person; and are likewise attended with Venereal Ulcers or any other Venereal Symptoms.

When the Person first perceives the Buboe, let him rub as much as a nut of the Mercurial Ointment upon the part every Night, and take a dose of the Electuary twice a Week: but if after you have taken two or three doses of the Electuary you perceive the Buboe grow apace, you must leave off the Purging Medicine and on-

ly keep to the Drops, and promote a discharge the way which seems natural by applying a Plaister of Diachylon with Gums, renewing it once a day till it breaks or is ripe for opening: then press out the Matter and dress it with the following Digestive once a day till well.

Take of Yellow Basilicon one Ounce,
Of Red Precipitate in fine Powder half a
Dram,

Camphor a Scruple, dissolved in a little
Sweet Oil; mix them well together.

You must spread a little of this Ointment upon a bit of lint or fine tow, the bigness of the Orifice, and apply it to the Part; and over it lay a Plaister of the aforementioned Diachylon. During the time of using the aforementioned applications, you must take a dose of the Electuary once a Week till it is almost well, and then leave it off and continue the Drops till the Cure is finished.

Caruncles and Stricture in the Urethra and Method of Cure.

Caruncles in the Urethra. This Symptom rarely takes place before the Running is nearly stopped. The Ulcers in the Urethra healing, leave a Cicatrix or spongy substance, which checks the free passage of the Urine, and sometimes causes a total suppression.

A Stricture in the Urethra, (which is a Contraction, shrivelling and thickening of the Membranes that immediately lines the Urethra) is sometimes mistaken for a Caruncle, but the Cure is the same. When the Patient is afflicted with these troublesome and dangerous Symptoms, let him rub as much as a nut of Mercurial Ointment mixed with a little Camphor under the Urethra every Night, and take a dose of the Electuary twice a Week, and every other day pass a small Bougie up the Urethra till it reaches above the place affected, letting it remain there half an

Hour or an Hour at a time if it does not cause much pain. The Bougies are made after the following manner, which is Riverius's Composition.

Take of Olive Oil two Ounces,
 Yellow or Bees Wax one Ounce,
 Red Lead and Cerufs in fine Powder of
 each six Drams,
 Venice Turpentine and White Rosin each
 one Dram;

Mix these together and melt them in an earthen pipkin or ladle, then dip in some pieces of thin Cambrick which must be cut a little tapering and roll it to the size you would have it. You must begin with a small Bougie first, and increase them gradually. Observe to rub the Bougie first with Sweet Oil.

Though this method might not have a speedy effect, yet by persisting, time will get the better; for these Symptoms require a long time and patience before they are cured.

Having now given the method of curing the principle Symptoms in the first Stage of this Disorder, I shall next describe the principle Symptoms of a Confirmed Pox and Method of Cure.

CHAP. 2d.

Of a Confirmed Pox.

A Confirmed Pox is generally owing to the Patient's neglect, in not taking proper care of a Clap before the Venom infects the Blood and Juices, or by the application of astringent Medicines (the Running being stopp'd before due cleansing) the Venom by the ends of the capillary Veins, makes its passage into the Blood and Lympha, and by the Laws of Circulation spread it all over the Body.

A Confirmed Pox may be caught without a previous Clap or Gonorrhæa, by external Contract, as lying and touching the pocky Sores of such as have them Running upon them; drinking

after such as have pocky Ulcers in their Mouths; as also sucking a pocky Woman, or giving suck to a pocky Child.

If this Disease comes from the Parents, it is called Hereditary, and then it generally breaks out in any part of the Body; but the most common way of contracting the Infection is by Coition, and then the Disorder first appears about the Genitals. By this we may conclude that where the infection is first caught, there it generally makes its first appearance.

Before I come to describe the Signs and Symptoms of the second Stage of this Disorder, it may not be unacceptable to the Reader to give a description of the nature of the Venereal Virus, why so called, and how it is conveyed to either Man or Woman in the act of Coition, which I shall endeavour to do from the Words of a very learned Author.

This Venereal Virus (says he) is a peculiar Acid, differing from all other Acids; such as are

opposite and even destructive one of another: as Leven, Vinegar, Verjuice, Juice of Lemons, Juice of Citrons, Spirit of Allum, Spirit and Oils of Vitriol and Sulphur, Spirit of Nitre, Aqua-fortis, Aqua-regis, &c. all which consist of Acid Particles differing one from another, in form, quantity, quality, and manner of Operation. So in this Disease the Acid does as much differ from all others, being impregnated with a peculiar Poison, with which it infects by degrees all the Juices of the Human Body; yet some Juices or Humours more easily and peculiarly than others, and afterwards the others in order; for that like leaven, being once mixed with them, it causes such a ferment, which at length infects and poisons their whole Mass: not much unlike to the foam or ferment and poison of a Mad Dog, which gradually insinuates itself into the Blood and Lympha, so much, till it effects the same thing and disorder in a Man, which was actually in the diseased Dog.

But this Venereal and Virulent Acid has something else in it which other Acids have not, to wit, that it contains and is replete with a vast number of poisonous minute Animalcula, which as well gnaw and eat, as poison by their Venom, and so corrupt first the external parts of the Genitals; then going farther, seize greedily upon the first Juices, and still increasing in number and magnitude, gather strength so much that if not timely overcome by some proper Medicines which may enervate and kill them, they prey upon the next adjacent parts, and so make an universal forcible inroad into the Blood and Lympha, causing a wonderful Discrasy, and poisoning or corrupting their whole Mass. Jesus the Son of Sirach in Ecclesiasticus, Chap. 19. ii. iii. seems to say the same thing. “ He that
 “ cleaves to Harlots will become Impudent,
 “ Moths and Worms shall have him for their
 “ Heritage.” Whereby Moths and Worms preying upon the Vital Juices and Flethy Sub-

stance, those aforementioned Animalcula may easily be understood.

The parts affected are first the Genitals, (when gotten by Coition) then it infects the parts adjacent, after which it corrupts the Seed and Seminal Vessels, and making its farther progress, it contaminates the Blood and Lympha, which by circulation infect the Muscalious Flesh in all parts of the Body, especially those parts which are most Brawny; then those places which are Nervous, and lastly the Bony parts according as it makes its way: it corrupts the Thighs, Back and Reins, and creeping upwards, affects the Arms, Neck and Face with breakings out; and the Head itself, either with most vehement and intolerable Pains, or else with Tumors and Exulcerations to that degree, as either to cause Deafness, the loss of Sight, or a Rottenness of the Cranium and Bones of the Nose; so that in some Patients, large pieces of the Skull have been taken away.

The remote or prime cause of this Disease is Coition with an impure Person, which experience and reason do evince: For as the Pox proceeds originally from the adulteration or mixing of various Seeds in the same Womb, which by continued and repeated acts of uncleanness inflames the parts, and causes a corruption of the same Seeds; it follows, that this Putridity, like a ferment, works and infects the Woman, creates Ulcers and a Virulent Running, which by degrees entering into the Mass of Blood and Humours, is conveyed all over the whole Body; and as a poisonous ferment leavens the whole Substance, not only of the Genital Parts, but of the Flesh itself, so that the Woman becomes affected with a Confirmed Pox.

This Virulent Matter in the Woman becomes Contagious, so that a sound Man lying with her presently becomes infected with this Venereal and Poisonous Matter, which seizing upon the parts of the Penis, as Preputium, Glans, Urethra,

Prostatæ, Parastatæ, Semen, &c. by length of time and ill management, insinuates itself into his Blood; where fermenting, it corrupts and putrifies the same, and if not quickly cured, causes the Signs and Symptoms of the Disease to appear and manifest themselves in many parts of the Body, and sometimes through the whole Body in several degrees, and in various forms and manners, according to the State and Virulency of the Disease, and as the Pox is more or less inveterate and malign.

Again such an infected and pocky Man, having Coition with a sound Woman, by Contract infects her in like manner with the same Disease; for the Virulent Particles of the Virus and Contaminated Sperm being ejaculated into the Womb, seize upon it and the parts contiguous, and taints her with this Disease in the same manner as a pocky Woman infects a Man; in whom (without good remedies, are immediately and speedily applied) the Venereal poison insinuating

itself into the Blood and Lympha, it over-turns the healthy Habit, and profligates the Vital Congruity; so that in no long time after, all the Symptoms of the Distemper manifest themselves in their usual forms of appearances.

This Disease may be gotten more ways than by Coition (as mentioned in the first part of this Chapter) for as it is a contagious Distemper, so it is natural to propagate itself by Contact, seeing the true cause of it is a virulent ferment.

This venereal ferment operates in Man's Body just as leaven or yeast do when they are put into proper Matter to work upon, which reduces all the Paste or Wort it is put into, to its own nature; and this Virus is of such a nature, and consists of such principles, which being resolved, exalted and put into motion by application to other Matter fit for it to act upon, that it can penetrate, resolve, move, change, and convert it into its own nature; which is done by

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Rarefaction of the Particles of the Matter it seizes on, where joining itself with the inherent Spirits, they increase the motion, and force the Acid Particles of the Virus yet farther into these Parts, which thereupon are more divided and infected; and this gives entrance into other Parts farther off, and not yet attacked, where joining with the Spirits of those Parts, it increases the (motion) progress, and fermentation more and more, and ceases not, but continues the same till all the parts of the whole Human Frame receive the taint, and are infected with the principles of the first ferment.

And as the Pox is a contagious Disease, communicated from one to another indefinitely by Contact, and that it is the same in all Persons, and always arises from one and the same cause, which cause is a particular ferment, as is before specified: This ferment if it be made active must be by applying it to a matter or subject homogeneous to its original principle, otherwise it is dor-

mant, and lies as a dead thing. Thus it is in leaven made of Paste from Flour and Water; this dissolved and mixed with other Paste will leaven it all, and exalt it to its own determined nature and qualities. So yeast made of Ale from Wort, being dissolved and mixed with Wort again, will transmute all the Wort into the same property: and Vinegar made of Wine, being mixed with the best Wine, will transmute the whole quantity, and that into the like Vinegar and of the same strength. So this Venereal ferment being made of the Seed of Human Bodies, and being co-mixed with Human Seeds or other juices of the said Human Bodies, work the like change in them; whereas it appears that this Virus is a true ferment, because nothing else can perform these mutations or changes.

Now the Seed of Mankind is the principle or first matter of which the Human Species is composed, and it has a relation to all the parts of the Body; first, to the solid Parts, as it is the basis

and foundation thereof: secondly, to the Blood, Lympha and Serum; because it proceeds from them: and thirdly, to the Spirits, whether Natural, Vital, or Animal; because they fill it, enliven it, and make it active. So that when this Seed is altered or corrupted by accident of heat, motion or heterogene matter mixed with it, it is very apt to degenerate into such a ferment as we have been speaking of; for that it does contain and partake of saline, motive and vital principles, very fit to be exalted to the highest Acrimony and Virulence.

But what should make the Seed degenerate into this Virus, is next to be enquired into. The conjunction of the Seed of one Man and one Woman can never be transmuted into such a virulent and contagious ferment, because they act only according to the law of Nature, either in order to generation, or decidence, never producing any thing which is Evil, or any kind of Disease while moderation is observed. But this

Deprivation is made without doubt first in the Womb of a Woman, who is common, and entertains many Men, whose Seeds, as they are various, may be of as different and many times of opposite qualities, which mixing in that center, by their singular and proper active potency, contend one with another, and through the Heat or Inflammation of the Matrix, being made over-hot by a continuation of venereous Acts, presently one after another, by the great Agitation, and Rarefaction of their Particles, and by virtue of their saline Principle, are presently put into a pernicious ferment; so that this adulteration, mixture or compound of those various Seeds forthwith is corrupted and degenerates into this exorbitant Putridity or Virus, so wonderful detrimental to the healthful state of Nature. This virulent ferment is called Venereal, because by its corrupting the Seeds and Substances or Bodies of sound Persons, by a peculiar determination, lays the

foundation, and gives rise to this Venereal or foul Disease.

The acrimony of this Virus, its acidity, corrosive property and malign quality, proceeds from its summit; nor can they proceed from any thing else; for by the exaltation of the innate salts of those Seeds, an acidity is presently raised, and a putrid fermentation, whereby the adulterated Seed is presently corrupted, which in a short Time after produces all the various Symptoms of this Disease, as shall be hereafter declared.

This virulent ferment being Acid, doth more easily mix with other substances which are Acid, and therefore since phlegm has a natural Acid in it, it readily mixes itself therewith, first with the pituitous humour in the part primarily seized, and then as it gets ground with the pituitous juice through the whole Body, for that the venereal Virus is more essentially contained in, and united with that Humour or Juice than with any other.

A Man then which has the Pox, lying with a
 found Woman, infects her by emitting his Seed
 full of that virulent ferment into her Womb,
 which insinuates itself into those parts that are
 naturally disposed to receive it; which being soft
 spongy, and very full of small Glands, easily im-
 bibes it, where remaining it corrupts, becomes
 more acuated, coagulating their inherent juices
 by its virulent Acidity, and so causes small Tu-
 mors, accompanied with Heat and Pain; which
 still fermenting and becoming more sharp, cor-
 rodes the substance, and so creates a small Ulcer;
 the boundaries about it being as yet hard, which
 Ulcer by little and little increasing, is called a
 Shanker or Cancerous Ulcer. This Virus still in-
 creasing, corrupts the adjacent parts to the Ulcer,
 viz. their Juices or Lympha, with which the
 Blood is made limpid or Thinned: whence it is that
 the Blood proceeding out of the mouths or ends
 of the capillary Arteries, (which is for the
 nourishment of the Parts) mixing itself with that

Vitiated Lympha, and returning again by the Veins; according to the laws of its Circulation, communicates that Virus to the whole Mass of Blood, which by degrees becoming thoroughly infected and corrupted, lay the foundation of a Confirmed and Universal Pox.

We now come to the Signs and Symptoms of this Disorder. This Disorder in its confirmed stage, shews itself by numberless Symptoms, according as the Disease is recent or inveterate; the following are the most common.

Violent and tormenting Pains in the Head, Joints of the Shoulders, Arms, Legs, and in most other parts of the Bones; they generally come on when the Person is warm in Bed, in the Morning they abate, and during the Day are rarely troublesome; these are called nocturnal Pains. Buboës, swelling of the Testicles, Shankers, Excrescencies also arise on the Glans Penis, Prepuce, Anus, Labia, Pudenda, &c. scurfy Eruptions, with hard callous Bases appear in the

corners of the Mouth, and upon the Forehead and Temples, and behind the Ears, and sometimes spread all over the Head, and by degrees over all parts of the Body. Ulcers are formed in different parts of the Body, as in the Throat, occasioning hoarseness, if these Ulcers are very virulent, they eat through to the Bone, and soon after destroying it a passage is formed from the Mouth to the Nose, and the Nose drops down flat.

Chaps arise on the Palms of the Hands, and Soles of the Feet, with a severe itching, from whence proceeds a clear cerious Liquor, and the Skin peels off in large flakes.

The Nails of the Fingers and Toes become rough and uneven, soon after Ulcers arise, and the Nails are destroyed.

If the disorder seizes the Mouth it produces little round stubborn Ulcers.

The venereal Matter falling upon the Eyes,

produces an Inflammation there, and sometimes a loss of Sight; falling on the Ears, a deafness and a Caries of the Bones there follows.

Swellings arise in the Glans of the Neck and Jaws resembling the Kings Evil.

Hard Warts like Pustles arise upon the Forehead, Eyebrows, Chin, Neck, and many other parts of the Body. If the Periosteum (which is a Membrane that covers the Bone) is affected a Swelling arises, which becoming hard forms those Tumors, which are called Nodes; but if these Tumors are so soft as to yield to the Finger they are called Gummata: But the hardest Tumors in the Bones are Exostoses. Sometimes there arises a large Swelling or Tumor about the verge of the Fundament. If these Tumors inflame and supperate, they often occasion a Fistula in Ano. There are several other disorders which take their rise from this foul disease, such as ill Digestion, decay of Appetite, Weariness, Faintness and Wasting of the Body, Piles, and

some disorders incident to Women ; as Vapours, suppression of the Terms, cancerous Ulcers in the Womb, frequent Abortions; and indeed the venereal Disease in its Confirmed State has the appearance of a number of other Diseases not resembling the Pox, though they come from that original or fountain.

It must be observed that the aforementioned Symptoms are never met with all at once, to one and the same Person, but some of them to one Person, and other some of them to another; and also to one and the same Person, some of them at one time, and others of them at another, according to the strength of the Virus, and the progress which it makes in the Body, and as the Disease is recent or inveterate.

That Pox which is Hereditary is scarcely ever to be cured. That which is gotten by Coition, the more recent, the more easy it is to be cured; the more inveterate and stubborn, the more difficult: Again, that which has the milder and

fewer Symptoms, is easier to be cured than that which has the more violent, and more in number.

A Simple Pox, or that of the first production, is easier to be cured than that which is Pox upon Pox; or where the Disease has been repeated many Times. A Pox in Youth or middle Age, or in a strong or healthy Constitution, is more easily cured than that in old Age, or ill habit of Body; and it is so much the more difficult to cure, as it is more radicated or confirmed.

This Disease is not often mortal, for some have had it many years, and when they Died, it was rather from some other Disease or Disorder than from that; but when by ill management, or by the wilfulness of the Patient, it shall arrive to that stage of incurability, which is when the Virus discharges itself on some noble Part, and corrupts it; as the Brain, Lungs, Mesentery, Testicles, Spinæ, Medulla, Marrow of the Bones, &c. For besides the loss of substance, which can

never be repaired, the evil Symptoms accompanying, and the noble Part which is affected, admit of no Remedy; so the Disease becomes incurable, and Death only puts an end to that miserable Life.

Having now described the Nature and Symptoms, I shall next proceed to the cure of the second stage of this Disorder, or what is called a Universal or Confirmed Pox. And as some Symptoms require topical, or external applications in order to effect a compleat cure, I have selected the few following, which I have in general found to answer. At the time the Patient is using these external applications, he must take according to the directions, the Remedies mentioned in the first Chapter, (except where it is otherwise directed.) And their use must be continued till every Symptom has disappeared; for if the Patient should leave off the use of these (or any other Remedies recommended for the cure of this Disorder) before they are perfectly cur-

ed, the Disorder will in time break out again, not only with all its former Symptoms, but often with a tribe of others, and whilst under cure the Patient must abstain from all Liquors in which there is a Latent Acid, as strong Ale, strong and stale Beer, also all sorts of Wines, Brandies, strong Waters and Punch.

Cure of the Prevailent Symptoms.

Buboes, Shankers and swelled Testicles. The cure of these have been mentioned in the first Chapter, but I must add in this place (though somewhat out of course) a few other instructions with regard to the cure of Buboes, and these are when the Bubo arrives to a state of maturation, which is known by the softness of the Tumor at the top, and the decrease of Pain and Pulsation in the Part; when it arrives at this state, if it should not break of its own accord, it must be opened. The best and safest method is with a Caustic in the following manner. Lay a piece

of sticking Plaister on the soft part of the Tumor or Buboe, having before hand cut a hole in it nearly as big as you would have the Eschar to be made; then in the hole of the Plaister lay the Caustic, which is made thus.

Take of Quick Lime, fresh from the Kiln, powder it and mix it with an equal quantity of soft Soap, (this must always be prepared at the time of using) and over it you must lay another piece of sticking Plaister; let it remain on two or three Hours, according to the thickness of the Skin: When the effect of the Caustic is compleated, the part on which it is applied generally ceases to be uneasy. When the Caustic hath produced its effect, make an opening through the Eschar for the discharge of the Pus, the Eschar will separate itself in two or three Days and come away with the Dressings.

Cure of foul Running Ulcers on the Head, Body, or Limbs.

Dress them with the Cerate as mentioned in

the first Chapter for the cure of Ulcers on the Glans Penis.

Ulcers in the Mouth.

Rub them once a Day with Honey and burnt Allum mixt together, with a Rag tied to the end of a Skewer, and wash your Mouth frequently with the following Composition.

Take of Tincture of red Roses* half a Pint,
Simple Tincture of Myrrh† one Ounce,
Honey of Roses half an Ounce, mix them together.

Ulcers in the Throat must be gargled frequently with the above Composition, adding to the above quantity ten or twelve Drops of the weak Spirit of Vitriol.

*Tincture of Roses is made as follows. Take of red Roses cleared from their white heels, half an Ounce, pour upon them two Pints and a half of boiling Water, drop into it one Scruple of the Oil of Vitriol; let it stand till cold, then strain it off and add one Ounce and a half of Sugar.

†Simple Tincture is made by digesting three Drams of Myrrh in fine Powder, in a quarter of a Pint of common Brandy five or six Days.

When the Patient is afflicted with Ulcers in the Mouth or Throat, instead of the Purging Electuary, he must take a Dose of some other Purging* Remedy, once or twice a Week, but he must continue taking the Drops and Decoction.

Nodes, Gummata, &c. may be dispersed if in the beginning by applying a Plaister of the following Cerate, renewing it every three or four Days.

Take of artificial Cinnaber powdered fine,
 one Ounce,
 Oil of Roses one Ounce,
 Bees Wax three Ounces,
 Melt the Wax and Oil together, then add the

*The Patient may take the following Purging Draught or a Dose of Glauber Salts.

Take one Dram of Sena Leaves, two Drams of Guaiacum Shavings, and half an Ounce or six Drams of Glauber Salts, boil them in five or six Ounces of Water to about three Ounces and strain it off, take it in the Morning fasting. *

Cinnaber, stir it till cold. Or the Patient may apply the common Mercurial Plaister in the same manner.

Excrescences. If these are soft, rub them once or twice a Day with this following Ointment.

Take of strong Mercurial Ointment one Ounce,

Extract of Lead one Dram, mix them well together.

Venereal Warts. These must be destroyed with a Caustic, and afterwards healed with the Cerate for the Cure of Ulcers.

Soreness and Inflammations of the Eyes. The following Eye Water is excellent, and will cure all hot and sharp Humours of the Eyes whatever.

Take white Rose Water four Ounces,

Dissolve in it one Dram of white Sugar Candy,

Drop into this twenty Drops of the Extract

of Lead, and about thirty Drops of good Brandy.

Wash the Eyes with this two or three times a Day.

Foul Breakings out on the Head, Face and other parts of the Body. These generally disappear in the course of the cure; but in order to forward the cure let the Patient anoint the parts broke out with the Cerate mentioned for the cure of Ulcers, and if the Patient conveniently can, let him go into a warm Bath once or twice a Day.

The Patient is sometimes afflicted with a heat and smarting of the Urine, in the second stage of this Disorder, to remedy which, let him take as much as a nutmeg of the following Cooling Diuretic Electuary Night and Morning, except on those Days he takes the Purging Remedy.

The Cooling Diuretic Electuary.

Take of Lenitive Electuary one Ounce,

Compound Powder of Gum Tragacanth
half an Ounce,

Salt Prunella in fine Powder half an Ounce,

Syrup of Marsh Mallows enough to make
it into an Electuary.

But if after the Patient has continued the
aforegoing Method and the Disorder seems not
to give way, but continues obstinate, let him
take the Drops with the Lisbon Diet Drink,
which will cure the most obstinate Confirmed
Lues or Pox, (that is) if the Disease be curable:
Likewise all obstinate Cutaneous Disorders,
Kings Evil, and all Glandular Swellings.

The Diet Drink is made as follows.

The Lisbon Diet Drink.

Take of Pure Quicksilver two Ounces, Crude
Antimony powdered and tied in a Linen Cloth
one Ounce and half, Sarsaparilla sliced small two
Ounces, Raspings of Guaiacum one Ounce, pure
soft Water five Pints; boil them to three Pints,

adding towards the end of the boiling one Ounce of Liquorice Root sliced, and a quarter of an Ounce of Corriander Seeds bruised; when cold strain it: Take a quarter of a Pint two or three times a Day with the Drops.

N. B. Having now given the afflicted sufficient instructions for the cure of this Disorder in all its stages, whereby any Person afflicted may conduct themselves with ease and secrecy. I dare venture to affirm (considering the Brevity thereof) that for plainness of Language and excellency of Prescriptions, it has not its equal in the World.

THE Specific Drops and Purging Electuary mentioned in in the first Chapter of this Treatise, may be had ready prepared Genuine of the Printer, at the following Prices viz. The Specific Drops at two Shillings a Bottle. The Purging Electuary at one Shilling and Six-pence a Pot, Duty included.

And I would recommend that one or more Venders of Medicines in every City and Town throughout the Kingdom would keep the above-mentioned Medicines ready prepared by them.

(And that the afflicted may know where to have these Remedies) I would that they have a Label Printed with the following Words viz.

WALL's Specific Drops and Electuary

FOR THE

VENEREAL DISEASE,

SOLD HERE.

By this means any Person who stands in need of such Remedies, and have not the opportunity of preparing them themselves, might purchase them without any farther trouble and at a small expence.

P. S. Those Persons who have been afflicted with the Venereal Disease, and have cause to suspect they have been ill treated, and that some

relics of of the Disorder still remains lurking in the Blood and Juices, (which generally shews itself in Blotches and other Eruptions on the Skin, Humours in the Eyes, Pains in the Limbs and Joints &c.) may be relieved and their Blood purified from every taint of the Infection, by WALL'S Purifying Specific Pills. These Pills are likewise a Specific for all kinds of Venereal Complaints, without Mercury; likewise for the Scurvy, Leprosy, Evil, Inflammation in the Eyes, Fistula, Piles, and other Disorders arising from a foulness in the Blood and Juices.

The above Pills (in Tin Boxes) are to be had of Mr. JOHN EDMUNDS, Printer, wholesale or retail at two Shillings and Nine-pence a Box, Duty included, and all Places where this Treatise is Sold.

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